

Judge S.G. Sneed House  
6 miles South of Austin, Texas.

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Historic American Buildings Survey  
Bartlett Cocke, District Officer  
815 Maverick Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

JUDGE S. G. SNEED HOUSE  
6 miles South of Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Owner: C.L. Hughes

Date of Erection: 1857-1860

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Sebron C. Sneed

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and a large unfinished attic.

Materials of Construction: Native limestone, pine and cypress.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

This native limestone residence is located one mile off the Austin-San Antonio Highway on the Austin-Lockhart Highway, near Austin, Travis County. Stone used in its construction was quarried on the property; pine and other woods were brought in from the not far distant Bastrop timbered areas. The house is more or less Colonial style, roof pitched at about 45 degrees which was originally covered with hand split cypress shingles, but now covered with galvanized iron.

The plan includes twelve rooms, six on each floor, in addition to a large attic, unfinished except for the floor. The attic was to have been used for community gatherings and dances. There are eight fireplaces in the house, four on each main floor. The only openings in the East and West walls are two windows in the attic, excepting a door on the first floor of the East Elevation, which was used as means of communication between original Kitchen and house.

Exterior cornice is of cut stone. Frames of all openings in exterior walls are of cypress. Framing timbers are of rough sawn pine, assembled with mortice and tennon joints. Lintels are of pine with flat keyed arches in exterior stone work; sills of limestone. All finish woodwork was executed by hand.

Water was carried off the roof by means of two metal downspouts on the East end, which are still functioning today.

All floorings in of inch random width, tongue and grooved, pine flooring. Lath is of cedar. Only the second floor was completely plastered, which condition was on account of the advent of the Civil War.

Judge Sebron C. Sneed, the builder of the house, was a native of Arkansas. He came to Texas in the early 1850's, bringing his family and some of his possessions thru by ox cart. Mr. Sneed was the father of eleven children. He was known and recognized as one of the most noted criminal lawyers of his time.

This information was received from Miss Rockie Bledsoe, one of the original Sneeds, who still resides in the old house and is cared for by Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Hughes to whom she sold the place several years ago.

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